

The Week Ahead 27 March – 02 April 2017

Committee and political group meetings, Brussels

Security/France and Germany. German federal Minister of the Interior Thomas de Maizière and French Minister of the Interior Matthias Fekl will debate EU measures to improve the security situation in Europe as well as future challenges in the field with the Civil Liberties Committee. *(Monday)*

Multinationals/tax evasion. Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee will vote on measures to stop multinationals evading taxes by exploiting differences (“hybrid mismatches”) between tax systems in EU member states and third countries. *(Monday)*

EU long-term budget. A mid-term revision of EU's multi-annual financial framework (MFF) for 2014-2020, to bring it into line with new priorities, will be voted by the Budgets Committee. The aim is to reinforce EU support for tackling the migration crisis, strengthening security, boosting growth and creating jobs, and to increase budgetary flexibility to cope better with unprecedented crises. *(Monday)*

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for the 3-6 April plenary session in Strasbourg, where they will vote on legislation to make medical devices safer, harmonize environmental and safety testing of new cars, grant visa-free travel in the EU to Ukrainians and limit how much telecoms operators charge each other for using networks with a view to abolishing “roaming” costs. The EP will also vote on the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector (EMIS) and a call to prevent palm oil-related deforestation.

President's agenda. EP President Antonio Tajani will meet Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, on Monday. On Tuesday, he will meet London Mayor Sadiq Khan and Czech Republic's Senate Speaker H.E. Milan Štěch.

Pre-session press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing with the EP's political group spokespersons at 11.00 on Friday. *(Anna Politkovskaya room, press centre, Brussels)*

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

Monday 27/03/2017

Brussels

11:55 Official Welcome Palestinian President, Mr Mahmoud Abbas (Protocol entrance)

12:00 Meeting with Palestinian President, Mr Mahmoud Abbas (Grand salon protocolaire)

The President's agenda

Tuesday 28/03/2017

Brussels

10:00 Meeting with the Mayor of London Mr Sadiq Khan (Grand salon protocolaire)

11:00 Meeting with H.E. Milan Štěch, the Speaker of the Senate of the Czech Republic (Grand salon protocolaire)

PRESS CONFERENCES

“Freedom of speech”

Tuesday 28/03/2017 11:00-11:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Lorenzo FONTANA (ENF, IT), Jacopo COGHE, and Ignacio ARSUAGA

Press point: EPP President Manfred WEBER statement ahead of the triggering of Article 50 by the UK government

Tuesday 28/03/2017 13:00-13:30 Brussels, József Antall

2nd floor of the JAN building, in the corner next to the elevators

"Lasted events in Basque Country"

Wednesday 29/03/2017 10:00-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Maria Lidia SENRA RODRÍGUEZ (GUE/NGL, ES), Martina ANDERSON (GUE/NGL, UK), Mark DEMESMAEKER (ECR, BE), Josep-Maria TERRICABRAS (Greens/EFA, ES), Tatjana ŽDANOKA (Greens/EFA, LV), Ramon TREMOSA i BALCELLS (ALDE, ES), Lynn BOYLAN (GUE/NGL, IE), Liadh NÍ RIADA (GUE/NGL, IE), and Matt CARTHY (GUE/NGL, IE)

“Do we still need the European Commission which serves to strengthen the monopolies?”

Wednesday 29/03/2017 11:00-11:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Ryszard Antoni LEGUTKO (ECR, PL), Ryszard FLOREK, Bożena DAMASIEWICZ, Piotr BŁĄKAŁA, Anna RADKOWIAK-MACUDA, and Zbigniew KIEDACZ

First assessment of the consequences of the UK government's triggering of Article 50 TEU

Wednesday 29/03/2017 17:15-18:15 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Joint press conference of President Antonio TAJANI and EP coordinator for Brexit Guy VERHOFSTADT (ALDE, BE)

Pre-session briefing

Friday 31/03/2017 11:00-11:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Budgets

Monday 27/03/2017 18:30-20:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3

- Amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (APP) - Co- rapporteurs: Jan OLBRYCHT (EPP, PL) and Isabelle THOMAS (S&D, FR) - Consideration and adoption

Committee on Budgetary Control

Monday 27/03/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q-1

- Annual Report 2015 on the Protection of the EU's Financial Interests - Fight against fraud (INI) -

Rapporteur: Julia PITERA (EPP, PL) - Adoption of draft report

- Annual Report on the control of the financial activities of the EIB for 2015 (INI) - Rapporteur: Nedzhmi ALI (ALDE, BG) - Adoption of draft report

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Monday 27/03/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

- Economic Dialogue and exchange of views with Zdravko MARIĆ, Minister of Finance of Croatia (16.00-17.15)

Votes (18.05-18.30)

- Amending Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European statistical programme 2013-17, by extending it to 2018-2020 (COD) - Vote on a report by Roberto GUALTIERI (S&D, IT)
- Hybrid mismatches with third countries (CNS) - Vote on a report by Olle LUDVIGSSON (S&D, SE)

End of vote

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Thursday 30/03/2017 09:00-17:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C50

Morning

- Migration - EC recommendation on making returns more effective and renewed action plan - Presentation by the European Commission

Afternoon

- 5th report on progress made in the implementation of the EU-Turkey statement. Presentation by European Commission

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Monday 27/03/2017 15:00-19:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

- Joint hearing with the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality on "The EU accession to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence" - **Building József Antall 6Q2 (15.00 -17.00)** - see *Public hearings*

Agenda

- Security Dialogue with Thomas DE MAIZIERE (Federal Minister of the Interior of Germany) and Matthias FEKL (Minister of the Interior of France) **(17.00 - 19.00)**-Discussion

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The EU accession to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence

Monday 27/03/2017 15:00-17:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

The Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee and the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee will hold a joint hearing on the EU accession to the Istanbul Convention on combating violence against women on Monday 27 March, from 15.00 to 17.00h.

Key speakers will include Sahiba Gafarova, General rapporteur on violence of the PACE; Elisabeth Moiron-Braud, Interministerial Mission on the protection of Women from violence; Gun Heimer, Swedish Expert from the NCK; Maria Miguel Sierra, Director of La Voix des femmes (EWL); Anna Maria Corazza Bildt and Christine Revault D'allonnes Bonnefoy, EP rapporteurs on the file.

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